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FM AMCONSUL MERIDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 998

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN

SUBJ: AIRPLANE CRASH

1. CONSULATE RECENTLY RECEIVED STORY OF AN AIRPLANE CRASH OCCURRING IN DENSE FOREST NEAR QUINTANA ROO/YUCATAN BORDER APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TO TEN YEARS AGO WITH STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT AIRCRAFT WAS US REGISTERED AND CARRIED US CIT OCCUPANTS. STORY WAS THAT CRASH HAD NEVER BEEN REPORTED.

2. ON STRENGTH OF CONSULATE STORY, AND ALSO THAT STORY HAD CIRCULATED MERIDA PREVIOUSLY, POLICE INVESTIGATED DECEMBER 7, 1976 AND CAME UP WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

(A) CRASH DID OCCUR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO

(B) CRASH WAS REPORTED TO LOCAL YUCATAN NEWSPAPER BY PERSON WHO SAW WRECKAGE IN 1968.

(C) NUMBER ON TAIL OF AIRPLANE WAS N 3978 CW REPEAT N 3978 CW.

(D) NUMBER OF AIRPLANE ENGINE WAS 4023-8-2 M 33 CONTINENTAL REPEAT 4023-8-2 M 33 CONTINENTAL.

(E) TWO CARDS PICKED UP AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE WAR DEPARTMENT, THE ADJUTANT GENERALS OFFICE IDENTIFICATION CARD. EDWARD A. BROWN JR., CAP. INF.

DATE ISSUED 12 FEB 1947 UNQUOTE. SECOND CARD PICKED

UP READS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY CREDIT CARD, EDWARD A. BROWN JR., 235 NETO ST.,

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(F) AIRPORT AT MERIDA HAS NO RECORD OF ANY FLIGHT PLAN  
MADE BY PLANE NUMBER CITED PARA (C).

3. LOCAL NEWSPAPER IS SENDING TO CONSULATE TWO NEWS STORIES  
PUBLISHED NOV 22, 1968 AND NOV 26, 1968 WHICH IT PUBLISHED ON  
STRENGTH OF STORY REPORTED BY PERSON WHO SAW WRECKAGE.

4. CONSULATE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH  
OF AREA TO TRY TO PINPOINT CRASH.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MERIDA WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S  
CHECKING OUT TAIL NUMBER, ENGINE NUMBER, ARMY IDENTIFICATION  
CARD, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD REPORTED PARA 2.  
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